Censor Board for TV serials

†4526. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had directed Government in March that time had come to have a certification for serials before being aired;

(b) if so, whether the main reasons given by the Supreme Court was that the increasing popularity of small screen serials slipping into Indian homes, without any certification, is a serious concern; and

(c) if so, whether Government have accepted the suggestion for a Censor Board for TV serials?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) No such directives in respect of tele-serials, have been received by the Government in March, 2007.

Early Warning Broadcast System

4527. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has developed Early Warning Broadcast System during National disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to develop EWS in Indian Broadcast system;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that the Emergency Warning Broadcast System (EWBS) has been in operation in Japan since 1985, in which emergency messages are transmitted on

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